

November 2016

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Dates to Remember

Wed., November 2

NO LATE BUSES

Thurs., November 3
Penfield PACE
Information Session -
7:00 pm (BT Library)

Mon., November 7
1st Quarter Marking
Period Ends

Fri., November 11
Veteran's Day - NO
SCHOOL

Mon., November 14
Report Cards Posted to
Infinite Campus

**November 23 -
25 Thanksgiving
Recess NO SCHOOL**

Letter from the Principal

Dear Bay Trail Community,

I would like to start this letter with a note of thanks to all parents of Bay Trail students. For the months of September and October, we worked with students on exemplifying the character trait of *Respect*. We have seen their efforts in the smooth start to the school year, as well as their ability to proactively address concerns before they became problems or incidents. So thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to raise respectful children.

During the months of November and December, we will focus on the character trait of *Caring*. *Caring* involves the aspects of concern and responsibility. We will be working with students on our motto, *Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others, and Take Care of Bay Trail*. We will have events such as Mix-It-Up and Make-a-Difference Days and the Shopping Cart Wars Food Drive to actively involve students in acts of Caring.

We are fortunate to have secured *Sweethearts and Heroes* again to present assemblies for our students on November 3. They are a one-of-a-kind anti-bullying organization that believes in educating society toward the impact bullying has on all of our schools, neighborhoods, and individuals. Their unique perspective, action plan (for every member of the bullying cycle), and unmatched ignition to make change puts Sweethearts and Heroes at the top of the list when it comes to changing school climate. They believe we don't have a bullying problem in America -- what we have is a lack of Sweethearts and Heroes. Children, teachers, and parents need to know that we all have the potential to be someone's Sweetheart and the power to be a Hero.

With the upcoming Presidential election in November, Bay Trail will take the opportunity to give our students the experience of the voting process in our country. During the first part of the month, we will be holding mock elections led by students working with our enrichment teachers.

November also brings the end of the first marking period. As part of our effort to be fiscally responsible, the report cards for quarters one, two, and three will be available to parents and students on the Infinite Campus portal. The fourth quarter report card will be mailed home. First quarter report cards will be available on line on Monday, November 14. We encourage you to keep track of your child's academic progress by regularly checking the Infinite Campus portal. Once you log in, you can see your child's progress at Bay Trail, as well as your children who may be in other buildings in the school district.

Thank you for your continued support of Bay Trail and our students.





Sincerely,

Winton Buddington

Bay Trail Principal

Classroom Round Up

Another Columbus Day weekend in the books! (What happened to the warm-ish fall weather??) Before enjoying our leisurely three-day weekend, faculty and staff accomplished a great deal on Superintendent's Conference Day. What follows below is a brief sampling of work that took place around Bay Trail to ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students in a safe and welcoming environment.

The Social Studies Department spent time with reading specialist, Cheryl Dobberton, from BOCES. Mrs. Dobberton helped the teachers develop close reading strategies to help make challenging primary source documents more accessible to students of all reading abilities. An example of a close reading strategy is annotating the text.

The Science Department worked together 6-8 sharing curricula, looking at common concepts and how best to instruct them at each grade level, for example, the Scientific Method. Then each grade level broke out to fine tune their essential standards, tasks and assessments. In the afternoon, the department met grades 6-12 to discuss vertically aligning the standards. This session was led by the science administration.

The 6th grade reading teachers had training on eDoctrina, a new program for using student assessment data to guide instruction.

The mental health team (counselors, social worker, psychologists) revamped the Signs of Suicide program and then revised and created a new checklist and welcome program for any new students who enter Bay Trail throughout the school year.

Our computer science teacher assisted the Professional Development Coordinator in training elementary teachers on Office 365 and worked with a special education teacher on strategies to help students with special needs.

The Health Department worked on instituting a new initiative surrounding mental health: Covey's 7 Habits to Happy Healthy Teens. They met together with the high school Health teachers to share ideas, create activities and assessments associated with the new curriculum.

The Gifted Education Department spent part of the time continuing work on aligning program goals and curriculum K-8. Focusing on common vocabulary and concepts that Enrichment teachers address with students throughout the program, department members looked at which Project Challenge Units from the elementary level and Project Enrichment units from the middle level address the common vocabulary and concepts and determined where there might be gaps or redundancies. In addition, teachers shared strategies for helping students to understand these challenging topics, such as "tolerance for ambiguity,"

"ad hominem attacks," and "judging with criteria." They worked towards their goal for the department to ultimately have a spiraled curriculum that produces students who can articulate, by the end of 8th grade, how these concepts relate to their learning and how they can become better equipped to make the most of their gifts and talents as productive citizens in the future.

The district String teachers talked about way to motivate students, the method books they would like replaced and suggestions for new options. They also planned for upcoming Suzuki playing sessions.

Submitted by Karen Graham

PTA Faculty Liaison

Sport Shorts

Phys. Ed. classes are finishing up their outdoor units of mountain biking, orienteering, project adventure and fitness testing. The students seemed to really enjoy their first block units of the school year. The marking period is quickly coming to an end. If your child is missing any fitness tests or class make-ups (do to multiple absences) they need to have them completed by November 7.

The students will be engaged in their first fitness day of the year. They will be visiting multiple stations working on all the concepts they were taught during the fitness tests (cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength /endurance and flexibility).

The third session of intramurals will be starting October 31-November 17. The activity will be basketball. Don't forget the fitness room will be open on Monday & Wednesday as well. Please make sure your child filled out the "Heads up Concussion" form to participate and signature by a parent.

All 7th & 8th graders....Winter sport season are here. Please make sure you listen for announcements for general meetings prior to your sport season starting. The start date for those who are interested-Winter Modified B participants start on November 14. **Best of luck in tryouts!**

Project Enrichment

Bay Trail's School-wide Mock Election for President of United States:Over twenty Bay Trail students having been working diligently during Home Base to design and implement the school-wide mock election: from how to register students to vote, to the voting process and how the electoral college will work. Other students have been researching issues important to votes. They have created informative posters, displayed in the cafeteria, to help students understand where the different parties stand on the issues.

Do you want to have a say in this year's election? Make you register to vote during all lunches on Monday, 10/21, Tuesday, 11/1 and Wednesday, 11/2. Also get informed! Read the posters in the cafeteria. Voting will take place during all lunches on November 8th. In order to vote, you need to be registered.

Field Trip Opportunity

On December 1 (a Day 2), Project Enrichment is coordinating a field trip to see Garth Fagan Modern Dance perform at Nazareth College. Over forty Bay Trail students will have the opportunity to see a performance by world-renowned Garth Fagan Dance at Nazareth

College. Would you like to be one of them? Applications will be available on enrichment teachers' doors starting Monday, 11/7 and completed applications are due to enrichment teachers by the end of the day on Thursday, 11/10. Any questions? See an enrichment teacher.

Mrs. Salsedo, House A, room 501

Mrs. Graham, House B, room 504

Ms. Young, House C, room 213

Your Mental Health Minute

The Bay Trail mental health team gets into the ACT!

- From September 23 to October 5, Bay Trail mental health staff (counselors, psychologists and social worker) presented the ACT program to 6th grade students in all three houses. ACT is an acronym for the three steps anyone can take to help someone who might be suffering from depression or thinking of completing suicide.
- ACT stands for Acknowledge, Care, Tell.
- Quiz your child to see if they remember what ACT stands for. No matter what grade your child is in, he/she has been through the program at Bay Trail, unless you requested for them not to participate.
- ACT is also commonly referred to as the SOS (signs of suicide) program. Since our focus has always been on teaching kids that depression is treatable and that there are things they can do to help themselves and those they care about, we've started calling the program "the ACT program". We feel it's a more accurate reflection of the program's focus.
- Our delivery of the program consists of two lessons. Lesson 1 is all about the basics of depression, suicide, and how to ACKNOWLEDGE, CARE, and TELL when concerned about someone or oneself. At the end of Lesson 1, students are given an opportunity to confidentially report if, based on the information presented in the program, they are worried about either themselves or someone else. Students who did report, then had the opportunity to speak with either a counselor, school psychologist or social worker about their concerns. Parents and guardians of those students were called by the person who met with their child to discuss the need for follow-up, if any.
- Lesson 2 is a review session delivered in a game format (Jeopardy). It makes for a fun way to review important information and also to fill in any gaps that were left over from Lesson 1.

Who doesn't love breakfast pizza?

- On October 19th we invited all our Urban-Suburban students to have breakfast pizza with us in the Bay Trail library. As part of their commitment to the program these students arrive at school incredibly early (when some of our suburban students are barely rolling out of bed). So we thought it would be nice, on this one day at least, to treat them to something different.
- About two hours later we did the same for all students who are new to the district this year. While most new students were from other towns around Rochester, we had a few from other states and at least one from another country!

Bay Trail PTA Membership

A sincere THANK YOU to all the parents, teachers and staff that have signed up as a member to the Bay Trail PTA for the 2016-2017 school year. Your support is greatly

appreciated and your membership dues and donations will help us fund many activities that benefit our students. These include reading programs, 8th grade moving up day, Science Olympiad, Arts in Education, Reflections, scholarships, etc.

A random drawing of all memberships submitted by September 30, 2016 was held and the winner received a Wegmans gift card. Congratulations to our winner, Debra Benson!! We will hold another drawing later in the school year, so you still have a chance to join and get your name in to win.

We are running behind on our annual membership goal. So, if you haven't had a chance to join the Bay Trail PTA, please consider doing so. While we always need volunteers, becoming a member does not commit you to volunteer your time. You can join by clicking [here](#), or visiting the Bay Trail PTA webpage and clicking on the link to the Bay Trail PTA store. A membership is \$10 per individual or \$5 if you are a Bay Trail teacher or staff member.

2016-2017 Members



Adiletta
Cristine Aiello
Lori Barnard-Northrup
Gretchen Baumer
Lisa Benati-Chidsey
Holly Bennett
Debra Benson
Tanya Bernarduci
Colleen Blieden
Michael Brenneis
Dorothy Brenneis
Winton Buddington
Bill Carter
Maureen Cassidy
Ray Casterline
Cathleen Cerosaletti
Mary Ann Christman
Kara Cilano
Rob Cohen
Mary Beth Cohen
Jackie Constable
Kevin Conway
Jill Coughlin
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Brenda Davis
Heidi Davison
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Shakera DPiazza
Tina Ebmeyer
Tracy Edmunds
Beth Ehret
Joanne Esse
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Stephany Fuchs
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Fanny Furgiuele
Laura Giunta
Christina Goudreau
Karen Graham
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Kerri Guzman
Joanne Hach
Sheryl Hamilton
Christin Harley
Gwendolyn Harris
Maria Harvey
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Dena Mandery
Esther Marino
Carolyn McDonough
Heather McElduff
Bridget McLaughlin
Sue Mietus
Michele Milliman
Gina Montanarella
Susan Mraz
Loretta Mueller
Lauri Namisnak
Gregg Namisnak
Debbie Nelson
Susanne Neyland
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Jacqueline Scheible
Dana Schultz
Janet Seabridge
Michelle Sharman
Karen Smith
Kokou Solenyanu
Jenny Speice
Jenny Speice
Stacey Stehle
Heather Stevens
Ellen Stinehour
Erica Stutz
Monica Taddeo
Jessica Tamburrini
Eric Tannous
Vera Tannous
Eric Tannous
Heather Tellex
Heather Tellex
Dawn Thompson
Ana Tooker
Jason Torres
Jennifer Torres
Nataliya Usachev
Kim Vessa
Marcia Vick
Jennifer Vigliotti
Eric Vogt
Alison Vogt
Erin Wade
Jennifer Wagner
Monica Wallen
Albany Xavier
Dang Zhao

PCTV Update

As you may know, last September, the District was notified by the Town of Penfield that videos of Board meetings, school activities and announcements could no longer be broadcast on Penfield Cable Channel 12 due to equipment failure. Since that time, the Town Board had been considering its options, including whether or not to restore the station. We are delighted to report that funding for the maintenance of the PCTV equipment, in Resolution 16T-197, was authorized by the Penfield Town Board at its Sept 21 meeting and will be paid for with available funds in the 2016 budget. **Many thanks to the community members who supported this effort and to the Town Board for unanimously passing the resolution to restore this important community resource.** Stay tuned!!

Bay Trail PTA says a big THANK YOU to fabulous volunteers!!

Thank you to parents who take a little time to help with activities in school!

In October we had Harvest of the Month and the Book Fair.

Thank you to Harvest of the Month volunteers who help hand out samples of local produce in lunches: Amy Corwin, Sophia Limcharoen, Peter Mietus, Linda Phillips, Shelly Talbot and Kaila Teeter

Thanks to Book Fair helpers: Laurel Amedeo, Holly Bennett, Sheila Burke, Tracy Edmunds, Sharon English, Suzanne Freeman, Nicole Friberg,

Fanny Furgiuele, Susan Gilbert-Collins, Janelle Gutman, Anna Jarvis, Andrea Moore, Julie Paul, Amy Powers, Mary Saluzzo, Michelle Sharman, Shelly Talbot, Kaila Teeter, Alison Vogt and Joanne Woodworth. All profits help our library get new materials for our kids.

If you'd like to volunteer for an event, please contact Mary Ann Christman at volunteercoord@baytrailpta.org.

Penfield Patriots Spiritwear On Sale NOW through November 8th

The Bay Trail PTA is proud to offer an extensive assortment of Penfield Patriots spirit wear for purchase. This sale includes the popular hoodies and fleece as well as t-shirts, performance wear and pajama pants. Remember that spirit wear makes a fantastic holiday gift. We hope you can find something for lots of people on your gift list - don't forget grandparents! Be sure to indicate if your order is a gift on your order form. Of course, each purchase will support PTA programs and activities.

We accept cash, check and credit card orders. Please visit our webpage for the link- <https://bay-trail-pta-fall-spirit-wear-fundraiser.cheddarup.com/>

If you have any questions about this sale, please contact Loren Refici - membership@baytrailpta.org

Thanks for your support!



Hidden Disabilities: What Parents & Educators Need to Know

Wed., November 16 @ 7:00pm

Bay Trail Library

Presenter: Ellen Arnold; Educational Consultant

**Learning Disability / Reading Disorder / Dyscalcula / CAPD /
Dyslexia / Executive Functioning Disorder**

All these terms..... What do they really mean?

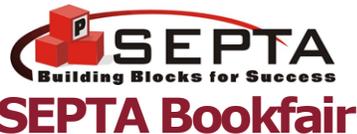
In this interactive workshop, you will gain a better understanding of each one, how they feel and what you can do to help students who have these challenges. Bring your questions and your thinking caps!

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

<http://www.penfield-septa.org/>

Find us on Facebook

SEPTA is Penfield's Special Education Parent Teacher Association. Our purpose is to create a positive, collaborative organization of parents and professionals to foster understanding, respect, support and appropriate education for all students with different abilities.



SEPTA Bookfair

Saturday, Dec. 3 9am-9pm

Barnes & Noble in Webster - 1070 Ridge Road, Webster



Artwork by: Kaiya Slovik-Rodgers, SEPTA 2015 Poster Contest Winner

Story Times Music Art Pet Therapy Yoga Lego Master Builder
Mary Jane Auch Poster Contest

Money raised goes toward purchasing books for all PCSD libraries and to fund scholarships for PHS seniors

Check out <http://penfield-septa.org> for the schedule of events

Penfield SEPTA Bookfair Voucher #: 12027496

Present this voucher at the register or online during 12/3-12/9/16 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Penfield SEPTA



Poster Contest

Are you..... Creative?



Artistic?



Competitive?

Design a poster to celebrate National Inclusive Schools Week!

Inclusive Schools Week highlights and celebrates the progress schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to *ALL* students.

Students can create a poster for the theme...

"Champions of Inclusion: POWERful Things Happen In Inclusive Schools"

Check out <http://www.inclusiveschools.org> for more information

Entries are **due to the main office by Nov. 30** and will be displayed in your school Dec. 5-9.

Posters will be hung on windows of B&N during the day on 12/3.

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners

A **final winner** will be chosen by bookfair attendees and the winning art work will be used on next year's SEPTA Bookfair flyers!

Contact Mary Salluzzo for more information: salluzzo23@yahoo.com

Show off your creativity *and* your support for Inclusive Schools!

November

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Bay Trail Middle School

Important dates from BT PTA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Reflections Art submissions due	5
6 Daylight Savings Set clocks back!!	7	8	9 Mix It Up and Make a Difference Day in lunch	10 Mix It Up and Make a Difference Day in lunch	11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day	12
13	14 Report Cards available on Infinite Campus	15	16	17 Harvest of the Month in lunch BT PTA Meeting 7 pm BT Library	18	19
20	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break	24 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Day	25 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28	29	30			

The deadline for submissions to the September Trailblazer is **November 25**.

Please email submissions to:
trailblazer@baytrailpta.org

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